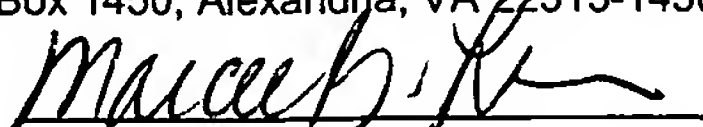


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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 7, 2005 and in response requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Please find enclosed the following sections:

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